

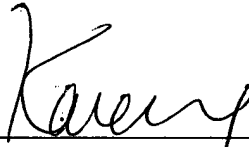
II. REMARKS

The Notice to Comply (copy attached) indicates that the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences contained in the captioned application lack SEQ ID NOS. To comply with the PTO requirements, Applicants submit a Preliminary Amendment to the specification and drawings that incorporates the appropriate SEQ ID NOS. from the previously provided Sequence Listings. Because no new matter is introduced, entry of the Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION

The Preliminary Amendment fully addresses the Office's requirements regarding applications with nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences. It is believed that no fees are required. However, if any fees are required in order to maintain the pendency of the instant Application, the Examiner is expressly authorized to charge such to Howrey & Simon's Deposit Account No. **08-3038**, referencing attorney docket No. **13403.0005.NPUS00**.

Respectfully submitted,



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